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CATTLE FEEDING SITUATION, DECEMBER 1, 1945

WASHINGTON, D.C., DECEMBER 11, 1945 -- (USDA) -- DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CATTLE FEEDING SITUATION DURING NOVEMBER SUPPORTED PREVIOUS INDICATIONS THAT THE NUMBER OF CATTLE THAT WILL BE FED DURING THE 1945-1946 WINTER FEEDING SEASON WOULD BE LARGER THAN DURING THE 1944-1945 SEASON, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORTED TODAY. PRESENT PROSPECTS ARE THAT MORE CATTLE WILL BE FED THIS SEASON THAN LAST IN NEARLY ALL OF THE 11 CORN BELT STATES AND IN MOST OF THE IMPORTANT FEEDING STATES OUTSIDE THE CORN BELT. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CATTLE FED THIS SEASON MAY BE CLOSE TO A RECORD, WITH THE PROPORTION OF RELATIVELY SHORTFED CATTLE LARGER THAN IN ANY RECENT YEAR AND WITH THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF SUCH CATTLE EXCEEDING ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS.

RECORDS OF IN-SHIPMENTS OF FEEDER CATTLE AND THE FEED SITUATION IN THE VARIOUS CORN BELT STATES POINT TO INCREASED WINTER FEEDING OPERATIONS THIS YEAR IN ALL OF THESE STATES, EXCEPT KANSAS. IN THE LATTER STATE THE SHARPLY REDUCED PRODUCTION OF GRAIN SORGHUMS AND BUNDLE FEED AND THE POOR GROWTH OF WHEAT PASTURES ARE EXPECTED TO CUT DOWN CATTLE FEEDING IN THE WESTERN HALF OF THE STATE WHERE IT WAS RELATIVELY LARGE A YEAR AGO.

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE INTO THE CORN BELT DURING NOVEMBER WERE LARGER THAN LAST YEAR BUT DID NOT REACH A RECORD VOLUME FOR THE MONTH, AS DID THE OCTOBER SHIPMENTS. FOR THE 8 STATES FOR WHICH RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE COVERING TOTAL IN-SHIPMENTS, BOTH FROM MARKETS AND DIRECT, THE NUMBER, IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, 404,000, EXCEEDED LAST NOVEMBER BY ABOUT 7 PER CENT. FOR THE 5 MONTHS JULY THROUGH NOVEMBER, THE TOTAL OF 1,719,000 WAS ALSO 7 PER CENT LARGER THAN IN 1944 AND WAS THE LARGEST FOR THE PERIOD SINCE 1940. THE NUMBER WAS LARGER THAN LAST YEAR IN ALL OF THE STATES EXCEPT IOWA. RECORDS OF SHIPMENTS FROM MARKETS INTO THE OTHER 3 CORN BELT STATES SHOW A LARGER 5 MONTHS MOVEMENT THAN LAST YEAR INTO MISSOURI AND SOUTH DAKOTA, BUT SMALLER INTO KANSAS. DIRECT SHIPMENTS INTO KANSAS ARE REPORTED AS BELOW LAST YEAR.

MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION AS TO THE MOVEMENT OF FEEDER CATTLE TO FEEDLOTS IN STATES OUTSIDE THE CORN BELT INDICATES THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CATTLE FED IN THESE STATES THIS WINTER WILL EXCEED THE TOTAL OF LAST WINTER. IT NOW SEEMS PROBABLE THAT AS MANY OR MORE CATTLE WILL BE FED IN ALL OF THESE STATES EXCEPT IN THE 4 SOUTHWESTERN STATES OF OKLAHOMA, TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, AND ARIZONA. IN THE FIRST THREE OF THESE THE REDUCTION IN THE PRODUCTION OF SORGHUM FEEDS AND OF COTTON SEED AND THE PROSPECTIVE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT PASTURES TENDED TO REDUCE CATTLE FEEDING. IN ARIZONA MORE CATTLE ARE REPORTED IN FEEDLOTS THAN A YEAR AGO, BUT PASTURE FEEDING IS MATERIALLY REDUCED. IN THE TWO LEADING WESTERN FEEDING STATES OF COLORADO AND CALIFORNIA THE NUMBER OF CATTLE FED THIS WINTER IS EXPECTED TO EXCEED LAST YEAR. THE MOVEMENT OF CATTLE INTO COLORADO FEEDING AREAS THROUGH NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR WAS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN THAT OF A YEAR EARLIER. A DETAILED SURVEY OF FEEDING OPERATIONS IN CALIFORNIA ABOUT DECEMBER 1 SHOWED MATERIALLY MORE CATTLE ON FEED THAN A YEAR EARLIER, THE INCREASE BEING ABOUT 25 PER CENT. SHIPMENTS OF FEEDER CATTLE INTO THE LANCASTER (PENNSYLVANIA) FEEDING AREA THIS FALL HAVE BEEN MATERIALLY LARGER THAN THE SMALL SHIPMENTS OF A YEAR EARLIER.

WEATHER CONDITIONS TO EARLY DECEMBER THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN GENERALLY QUITE FAVORABLE FOR CATTLE FEEDING, ESPECIALLY IN THE CORN BELT AREAS, WHERE FEEDING OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN EXPANDED TO UTILIZE THE RELATIVELY LARGE QUANTITIES OF FROST DAMAGED CORN. REPORTS FROM SOME OF THESE STATES ARE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GAINS FROM FEEDING SUCH CORN ARE RATHER DISAPPOINTING, WHICH WILL FURTHER TEND TO ENCOURAGE THE EARLY MOVEMENT OF FEEDLOT CATTLE FROM THESE AREAS. THE HIGH COSTS OF FEEDING THIS WINTER ARISING FROM THE RECORD HIGH PRICES OF FEEDER CATTLE AND THE HIGH LEVEL OF FEED PRICES TOGETHER WITH THE SHORTAGE OF HIGH PROTEIN FEEDS AND THE GREATER THAN USUAL UNCERTAINTY AS TO FUTURE FAT CATTLE PRICES ARE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN A LARGE MARKETING OF FED CATTLE DURING THE WINTER AND EARLY SPRING MONTHS.

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